On the present occasion I searcely got my accounts fairly in hand when I was interrupted by a slight tap at the door. I rose at once and opened it, and there stood Mrs. Melhurst's Canadian maid, with flushed face and nervous, agitated manner.

Is there anything wrong?" I asked with some surprise, when she had deivered her message.

"There is, sir," she replied, hastily 'All I know-She was about to make some eager statement, but pulled herself up sud-denly and tripped along the deck witht another word.
I switched off the electric light

ked the door and hurried away after When I got to Mrs. Melhurst's oom, I saw at once that some-had occurred to cause her serious The berths, the couch, and he floor were littered with the ents of cabin trunks and hand-In the midst of the confusion the lady herself, looking decid

perplexed and annoyed. This is very singular, Mr. Morse, e said, pointing to an empty jewel se which lay open on the upper orth. "My diamond ornaments are

"You don't say so !" I exclaimed in neer amazement.
"I do say so," she replied sharply. You can see for yourself that they

are gone."
"How did it happen?"
"I cannot possibly tell you. dinner this evening, I happened to mention to Mrs. Latimer that I had picked up a curious crescent shaped brooch on the continent. She expressed a wish to see it. When the tables were cleared, I came in here, took out the brooch, and left the jewel case ying on the berth. I was careful to ock the cabin door, but when I got back the case was empty.

"How long were you r bsent?"
"Not more than half an hour." "Not more than half an hour? "You are sure you had the key in your possession all the time?"

"Positive, I never let it out of my hand while I was in the saloon." I was fairly staggered. I examined the lock carefully, but there was absolutely nothing to show that it had been tampered with. I could hit upon no better suggestion than that Mrs. Melhurst might possibly have mislaid the jewels somewhere. This had the sole effect of exasperating the lady to such a degree-for it seems that she had already searched every hole and corner in the cabin—that I was glad to beat a retreat in order to lay the matfore the captain. I had just got to the head of the

seloon stairs when I heard some one bounding up after me, three or four steps at a time. I turned and saw a Mr. Carter—who, by the way, had made several voyages with us on pre-

"I say, Morse," he said, taking me confidently by the arm, "you've got some queer customers on board this ship." How so ?"

The deuce !

"Well, it looks uncommonly like as if the individual you refer to had a hand in the business, for I don't see how any ordinary mortal could get into one's cabin with the door boited on the inside, unless he managed to squeeze through the porthole."
"Tell me exactly what has hap-

pened?"
"My dear fellow, how can 12 It's
"My dear fellow, how can 12 It's enough to puzzle a Philadelphia law-yer! You see, I went to my stateroom after dinner, feeling a bit drowsy. bolted the door-I can swear to thatand I remember flinging the cigarette case, lings and a pair of gold sleeve links on the upper berth. Then I put on my dressing gown, stretched myself upon the couch, and had a downright When I got up, about good snooze.

five minutes ago, I found my trinkets had vanished." 'Pon my word, things were beginning to look serious, and no mistake! lost no time in hunting up the captain and made him acquainted with the state of affairs. He was just as puzzled as I was myself. The first thing next morning he sent a message to Mrs. Melhurst requesting a private interview in his cabin on deck. He also signified his wish that I should be present. We both questioned the lady closely, but her replies did not tend to throw any light upon the sin-

gular occurrence. Nevertheless we determined to keep close watch upon the staterooms in ure. It was pretty evident we had black sheep" on board—probably an old hand at the business. next few days we had no further com-plaints. The thief was evidently "lying low," waiting until tranquility was restored before making a fresh attempt.

Meanwhile I kept my eyes open. I
observed the little peculiarities of the
different passengers and took particular note of the manner in which they occupied their time.

On board ship, when you find a man who shows a marked preference for his own society above that of the basers on deck or habitues of the king room; one is inclined to jump be conclusion that he has some sons for his exclusiveness. ation to this, he happens to be o ack hair and swarthy complexion, on to wearing a slouched hat and cloak, rightly or wrongly you put

down as a decidedly suspicious low we happened to have a passenon board—a Brazilian named De stro—who tallied in every way with description. But for the fact I conclusive evidence to show he not have been directly concerned the robberies-for inquiries proved had remain I on leck the whole ning-he certainly would have been reated to a private interview in the aptain's cabin. As it was, I was forced captain's cabin. to conclude that black hair, swarthy complexion, slouch hat and cloak were quite compatible with a man's inno-

Nothing further occurred to excite suspicion until the last day or two of the voyage. Then, one evening after dinner, word was brought to me that other staterooms had been rived from the sale of lemonade, which is sold under the auspices of the asrifled in the same mysterious manner. Vatches, jewelry and even money had disappeared, though in all three cases the passengers stoutly declared they once eac had left their doors locked When the alarm reach pened to be standing in had in my hand tw bad just taken

Mrs. Melhurst's compliments, sir, | safety of the sovereigns, my door hav

my office, unlocked the door, turned on the light, and mechanically stretched out my hand to take the sovereigns

tion at our finger ends for the benefit of every curious voyager. Nowadays the purser of a crack American liner—making perhaps a record passage of six days or so—has his work pretty well cut out for him during the entire confused and dismayed that I could scarcely bring my with to bear unon confused and dismayed that I could scarcely bring my with to bear unon scarcely bring my wite to bear upon the mystorious affair. Then I managed to pull myself together and took a look around the little cabin. In the course of my observations my eyes happened to rest upon the port-hole, which stood wide open, the weather being oppres

regarded the innocent-lookin port-hole with the air of a veritable Sherlock Holmes. I went outside and thrust my arm in through the opening but my hand did not reach within full two yards of the desk. Still it struck me as being the only way by which the thief could have got at the money and I determined to put my theory a practical test. I hurried down into the sale

where most of the passengers were co gregated. As yet few of them we aware of the robberies, for we have kept the matter as secret as possible I went straight up to a young American gentleman, who I knew had great many trinkets in his stateroom and was rather careless, too, in the way he left them lying about.
"Don't show any surprise," I whisp ered, glancing round at the occupants of the saloon. "but might I ask whethr your stateroom is locked?"

'And is the porthole open ?' "I should think so. I don't want to find the place as stuffy as the engineroom when I go to turn in."
"Well, just pass me your key.

want to try a little experiment. Wait till I'm gone and then stroll up on deck. Let yourself be seen-on the lower deck particularly-but don't pay too close attention to anyone you may notice loitering there.'

He fell in readily with my scheme went and shut myself in his state room, crouching down so that I could ust keep an eye on the porthole over the top of the lower berth. I remained in that cramped position until my imbs fairly ached, and I was half in

clined to give it up as a bad job.

But suddenly, as I glanced up at the porthole, my blood ran cold, an i in all my life I never had such difficulty to keep down a vell. In the dim light l saw a long, thin, hairy arm thrust in through the opening! The next mo ment a small black hand had fastened upon a leather case lying close to the indow and withdrawn it as quick as thought almost.

I sprang to my feet and bolted out into the passage. I dashed up the saloon stairs and made for the lower deck. There, just above the spot where I judged the stateroom to be situated, I came face to face with the Brazilian, De Castro. In spite of the heat he was wearing his long cloak with the deep cape and had his eterna between his teeth. ooked at me with an air of frank sur prise, and I looked at him with an air f profound suspicion.

Suddenly a happy thought llashed through my mind, I turned round and sprang down the saloon stairs, running full tilt against the chief steward, who was standing at the bottom.
"Nuts!" I cried, without giving him

time to recover from his surprise.

Really he looked at me with such "Why, some one's gone and walked off with my silver eigarette case, a couple of rings and a pair of gold—" senses. utter consternation I verily believe he

Do you hear?" I went on excitedi Get me a hardful of nuts—quick!' When he brought them, I hurr hurried back on deck. The Brazilian had noved away a little toward the stern. went close up, stood right in front of him, and then began deliberately to crack the nuts.

He regarded me with a pitying sort of look, but I paid little attention to him. I was watching that cloak of his. Presently I saw a corner of the cape drawn aside and beheld a pair of small gleaming eyes fixed greedily

It was enough. My suspicions were onfirmed. I flang the rest of the nuts into the sea, and walking straight up to De Castro said : must ask you to accompany me

to the captain's cabin?"
"Vot you mean?" he cried, drawing back. I was determined to stand no non-

sense and straightway took him by the shoulders. The moment I laid my hands upon him I heard a vicious snari under his cape. It was pulled suddenly aside and out flew a monkey. little brute went at me and nail. I saw the gleam of a knife.

too, in the Brazilian's hand, but I let him have my fist straight between the eyes before he could use it, and he measured his length upon the deck. The quartermaster came running up and the rascal was dragged off to the captain's cabin. When searched there, Mrs. Melhurst's trings and a miscellianeous collection of other valuables were found upon him. In his state-

room we discovered a perforated box, apparently intended for the use of the monkey, who was evidently quite as accomplished a thief as his master. A MODEL FARMERS' SOCIETY

The Agricultural and Mechanical Association of Fairview, Greenville County.

Special to The News and Courier. GREENVILLE, August 1 .- There is GREENVILLE, August 1.—Inere is an organization in Fairview Township, Greenville County, which, perhaps, stands alone as living contradiction of the old saying that is almost accented as a proverb. viz: "That it. accepted as a proverb, viz: 'That it is impossible for farmers to maintain an organization for any considerable time, the object of which is to advance their material and social interests. efer to the Farmers' Agricultural and

Mechanical Association.

The association was organized more than ten years ago and was regularly incorporated under the laws of South

Carolina in 1892. One of the objects of the association is to encourage and foster the breed-ing and raising fine horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, and it is said that no section surpasses Fairview along this line. An exhibition is need during the latter part of September of each year and there are usually five to six thousand people present. No admisine. An exhibition is held during thousand people present. No admission fee is charged for entering the grounds, at d the expenses connected the grand stand and the profits de

sociation.

The organization meets regularly

invited. Last Thursday was the day fixed to hear the reports. About two there at about 11 o'clock. The meeting as called to order and the chaplain, Mr. J. L. Stoddard, offered prayer. Next came the roll call, to which most of the members answered, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was decided 'that the next thing in order should be the reports of the individual members

on the crops of members of the associa-The following is one of the reports To the Officers and Members of the Fairview Agricultural Society.—Mr. President: Your committee appointed to visit and inspect our fellow mem-ber, Walter Peden's crop, respectfully present the following report In the performance of this duty, we

visited his farm on the 27th instant and in making our rounds found his erop to consist principally of cotton and corn. Brother Peden is farming on the exensive plan, having about thirty acres in cotton, which we judged had been well cultivated from "start to finish," and is now in a fine growing condition, putting on and developing fruit rapid-. He was not quite done ploughing, but was finishing up, or laying as good condition as he usually We think he will, if August is

ired pounds of seed cotton per acre. He has about sixteen acres in corn which seems to have been cultivated all right, and will make a good crop is easons continue. He has a very fair potato crop. His

sonable month, make (900) nine hun-

pea crop is young yet having been sowed when corn was planted last He has the finest crop of forage thick corn that we have seen. He planted the kind he recommended when this subject was discussed in the spring, and aithough it is very it has a small ear forming on almost every stalk. We recommend that it would be we'l for each member of

this club to get seed and try this kind

of corn for a forage or rough feed We examined his barn and stables found them in good condition. His stock are all in fine condition, and he has plenty of feed to last until next March, without feeding much on the

present crop. We found very few things to disapprove of and much to commend.
And finally we will say that if all farms of this community were manag-ed as well as Brother Peden's it would be made evident that we have (what most of this club already believe) "the best country upon which the sun shines.

All of which is respectfully submitted. J. P. Willis, D. L. Thomason, mittee.

Mr. W. H. Britt, the secretary, reported on the crop of Mr. Lee Mearcs and stated that it was in fine condition, as was everything else on his Mr. Britt called special attenfarm. tion to the crop of a tenant on the fine a field of cotton as he had ever was heavily fruited. he had examined a brother member's crop and believed that his prize acre

of cotton (each member has a prize acre) would if no unforseen calamity befel it, vield two bales of cotton. After a number of reports were heard, on motion, the hearing of the remainder was postponed until the afternoon, and Col. James A. Hoyt, of

Greenville, was introduced by the secctury as the orator of the day. The speaker, at the outset, stated that he had been invited to talk to the nounced that his theme would 'Good Roads, Good Schools and Good

Society." Each of the three subjects was handled in an interesting and able manner and during the entire time occupied in the delivery of the address, which and still reiterate that J. Gary Evans was about thirty minutes, the speaker could and should have been arrested. had the undivided attention of saudience and was heartly applant.

At the conclusion of Col. Hoyt's ra marks a recess was taken and dinner in the city to accomplish it, and even was soon announced, and such a dinner if it entailed the severe penalty of is seldom seen. The tables were literimetropolitan police. ally loaded down with everything calculated to tickle the palate and satisfy the appetite. After everybody had reason? From the standpoint of reason caten their fill, including twenty-five such a position, in the expressive lanor thirty negroes, there was still an

The club was again called to order

Special mention should be made of the report of Mr. Lee Meares on the crop of Mr. Commodore Rodgers, Mr. Meares said that, considering quality of land, he was satisfied that Mr. Rodg- mon law can hardly be appealed to, for ers had the best crop in Fairview Township. He said that Rodgers had creation of the constitution. It could its being filled with gullies and all the soil having been washed away. Everything is different now. The land has his case on this theory, for he informbeen terraced and redeemed and is ed the mayor that he could no more be producing fine crops. This year Mr. Rodgers has forty acres in corn and sixty in cotton, and the entire crop is in perfect condition so far as cultiva-tion is concerned. Mr. Meares also said that he was pretty well satisfied that Mr. Rodgers' prize acre was about the best in the township, with the posible exception of his own.

Mr. Miles Henderson, another memer of the club, was reported as having sown two and a half bushels of wheat last fall and reaping forty this year.

EXPERT BIOYCLE RIDING.

Californian Who Mounts a Single

Rail and Follows the Train.

an Francisco Examiner. a single rail of a railroad track, made Broadway standing on his head and pedaling his wheel with his hands. bars and raising himself into the air, went spinning down the street with the side of his head resting on the saddle. In order to perform this feat one has to be a perfect balancer, and Wilbur possesses this quality. Wilbur's sensational ride on a single rail after a train over the narrow-wance treatle. The organization meets regularly once each month, and often two or three times. At these meetings subjects of interest to farmers are discussed except politics.

Once each year, during the month of July, the entire association, which at present theindes twenty-six members, is constituted a committee of the whole, and this is indeeding sub-committees.

The organization meets regularly has to be a perfect balancer, and Willow of conviction on impeachment could not be shown. Thus is shown the utter absurdity of such a contention. But it may be urged that if the Governor could be arrested and put in jail there would be no one to exercise the functions of his office and the people would be without an executive head. Artistic thanks it is a sufficient to be shown. Thus is shown the utter absurdity of such a contention. But it may be urged that if the Governor could be arrested and put in jail there would be no one to exercise the functions of his office and the people would be without an executive head. Artistic thanks it is a provided in the constitution of conviction on impeachment could not be shown. Thus is shown the utter absurdity of such a contention. But it may be urged that if the Governor could be arrested and put in jail there would be no one to exercise the functions of his office and the people would be without an executive head. Artistic thanks it is provided in the provided is the talk of the breyerers and is proud of his feat:

"Of course, a man takes chances in making these rail trips," said Wilbur, in discussing the rides. "In order to provides: "In case of temporary discussing the rides." In one must have ability of the Governor the Lieutenant Governor chall perform the duties of

can ride on it in more ways than any of inspecting the growing crops, stock, implements, tools, barns and stables and homes, and each makes a report to other man in the country. I ride a bicycle standing on my head or on my ear, pedal it backward, hold myself in front of the handle bars and pedal and nomes, and can have a speciation, held on front of the handle bars and pedal its grounds, to which the public is backward, and in fuct, I ride in every its grounds, to which the day conceivable position; but this way of conceivable position; but this way riding became rather stale to me. hundred people were present. It was was not excling enough, so I conceived decided to hold the exercises in the the idea of riding a rail. At first I grand stand, and the crowd assembled tried to ride the rail straight without there at about 11 o'clock. The meetusing a companion wheel. This method stumped me, but I hope to achieve success at it some day. My method of riding a rail is a simple one. I take a companion wheel by my side and grasp companion wheel by my side and grasp the bandle bars firmly in the centre with my right hand. This enables me to keep a perfect balance with my left hand. I take hold of the single bar on my riding wheel. This bar points directly toward my body. When once I get on the rail I am all right because committees referred to above I can keep my balance perfectly. Of course, I learned to ride a rail on the ground before I took that trestle trip. wanted some exciting sport so I con-cluded to follow the train over the trestle. My light companion wheel ran along one of the beams which is laid alongside the track. Over the water I sped, looking at nothing but the rail ahead of me. You know you can't go sight-seeing when you are riding on a rail. During that long trip over the narrow-guage trestle I never made a slip, and I kept up a pretty good pace, too. It seems easy enough when you know how and have the courage to take chances. can do almost anything when mounted on a wheel.'

## THE GOVERNOR LIABLE TO ARREST

HE IS NOT ABOVE THE LAW

Strong and Cogent Opinion From the City Attorney of Florence-The Council Sustains Him and Condemns the Governor

Mr. George G. Thompson, the city attorney of Florence, has addressed the following letter to the City Council, n view of the recent action of Governor Evans in defying arrest for breach of the peace:

"FLORENCE, S. C., July 31, 1896.

o the City Council: On last Friday, J. Gary Evans, who holds the official position of Governor of the State of South Carolina, and loseph H. Earle, a judge of the Circuit Court of this State, each in his personil and private capacity, and exercising the right held by every citizen of this State, was addressing in public within this city a large number of citizens, each endeavoring according to his own methods, to secure the votes of the people of this county. During the proress of this meeting these two political contestants became ergaged in a personal combat. Hundreds of men were present; some drew pistols, others made ready for their use, excitement One stray shot cited spectator would in all probability have precipitated a riot and many lives might have been sacrificed. peace of the city was jeopardized and its laws violated.

I was communicated with by the mayor and advised him that these parties could and should be arrested. without regard to their official tions. Warrants were accordingly place, a negro, and said that he had suited, charging them with fighting one field of 40 to 50 acres that was as and breach of the peace. Joseph H. issued, charging them with lighting Earle rendered ready obedience, but J. seen, would average waist high and Gary Evans resisted and defied the law. He told the chief of police to take the Another committeeman reported that | warrant back to the mayor "with the contempt it deserves," and that he be given to the county and St "considered it an insult." He informe! with requests of publication. the mayor that he could not be ar-rested; that the only way to reach him was by impeachment. He threatened to use the power of his office to proteet him from the consequences of the broken law. He threatened to "take charge of the mayor and the town," or words to this effect. conjecture as to precisely what J. Gary Evans meant by "taking charge of the town." As interpreted at the time by several of his constables (who were association about farming, but felt several of his constables (who were that it would be out of place for him with him at the time of the attempted He left the city and has since boasted through the press that the town authorities apologized for the attempted affront to "his excellency."
I never advised that the Governor

could be arrested, but then advised. without regard to his official position and without regard to consequences, even if it required every man

guage of The News and Courier, is 'simply monstrous," and coming from member having a style peculiarly his diseased imagination as approximates | min' round close to de water and right the condition our friends, the doctors, de log, and I see de brim make er leap would call "dementia of egotism." Such an exemption could only arise

bought the land seven years ago, when it was considered worthless, owing to its being filled with guilles and all the herited from the sovereigns of England getting at the moment of this ridiculous assumption of "kingly preroga-tive," that the doctrine of the "king can do no wrong' has no place among republican simplicity: that in a monarch the sovereignty resides in the person of the king, but in a reputite ter carry home." this sovereignty abides in the people.

The constitution which creates his office give him no comfort in this remarkable assumption. Article 2, section 14, article 3, section 14, and article 13, section 2, exempt at certain times electors on the day of election, members of both houses and volunteer militia forces, from arrest, but is particular in each case to expressly vide that these exemptions shall not Easton G. Wilbur, the sensational bicycle rider who pedals his bicycle on vides that "the Governor and all other executive and judicial officers shall be trip from Tiburton to Santa Rosa liable to impeachment; but judgment thout accident. He rode the single in such cases shall not extend further without accident. He rode the single in such cases shall not extend further rail behind a train all the way and was than removal from office." The persons the wonder of the country people. Mr. convicted shall, nevertheless, be liable Wilbur does not ride on Saturday to "indictment, trial and punishment because he is a Seventh Day Adventist." according to law." It is obvious that coause he is a Seventh Day Adventist. according to law." It is obvious that In Oakland Wilbur is known as the this section does not fix the time in bicycle freak." The other day he which an indictment may lie to after astonished the natives by riding down conviction on impeachment, but only intends to prevent a conviction on impeachment being plead in bar to an Then he came up the street riding his wheel backward. He was mounted in his seat with his face toward the rear wheel and the handle bars clutched from behind. Mr. Wilbur found that he created so much excitement that he tried a new trick—that of riding on his ear. Getting a good start down on his ear. Getting a good start down to prefer charges of impeachment for Broadway Wiltur clutched his handle any offense, or the offense was one for which impeachment would not lie,

## Highest of all in Leavening Power .- Latest U. S. Gov't Report Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

that in case his excellency should be-come temporarily disabled by prefer-ring to go to jail rather than pay a small fine of a few dollars, the people's government would not go to ruin for want of an executive head. It is no doubt true that the Governor,

in exercising the political functions of his office, is beyond the reach of the courts, but "in his person he is subject to judicial control, as other citizens."

—Eighth American and English cyclopædia of Law (first edition,) 1406. The warrant in this case was against the Governor, but against the person of J. Gary Evans.

If the contention of the Governor were doubtful, I still maintain that he should have been arrested, as the only way to settle a disputed point of law of this kind is by resort to the courts, and the courts could not settle it without obtaining jurisdiction of his person by arrest. If such could by any possibility be the law, then it should be judicially determined, and give the people a chance of changing it to conform to republican institutions.

Surrounded by his myrmidons, gathered about his person as rumors of his arrest reached them, John Gary Evans has outraged the laws he has sworn to see enforced; he has brought the government of this city into contempt in the eyes of all brave and free people who have not learned to "bend the supple hinges of the knee," and until it is wiped out a blot rests upon her fair name forever. It has always been the boast of our people that "all men are equal before the law;" that there are none too high to escape its punish ment, and none too low to forfeit its protection. If this precedent is al-lowed to stand, hereafter any humble citizen, arrested without apology and lragged before our tribunals, can justy complain that our boast is false, and throw in our teeth the accusation that 'all men are not equal before the law.'

I submit both the soundness and my advice to the consideration of the City Council, to whom I am responsible.

Respectfully, GEORGE G. THOMPSON, City Attorney. Upon receipt of this communication, the City Council adopted the following

resolutions: Resolved, by the City Council of Florence in Council assembled: That we have absolute confidence in both the justice and legality of the advice of our city attorney on the oc casion of the recent attempt to arrest

John Gary Evans.
2. That the action of the Governor in scaping arrest by representing to the Mayor that he was not subject to arrest, was unworthy of the Governor of this great State.

That we assure the Mayor that he will ever have our hearty co-operation in every effort in his power to vin-dicate the laws of this city and bring all offenders to feel its force and with out regard to their official position. 4. That the communication of the city attorney, with these resolutions, be given to the county and State press

## A DARKEY'S FISH STORY.

It Was Over in Georgia Where Things are Not Balanced.

An old negro sat on the platform of the Albany depot, apparently in trou-ble. He sat with his face in his hands gazing mournfully out over the river which stretched away between the to attempt to instruct the members of arrest) it was an unworthy and unlaw-the club, and therefore would talk to ful threat to resort to the metropolitan to the greater channels. It was noticed

his eyes.
Why, what's the matter with your

He shook his head sadly. "I's neber gwin'ter fish no mo' sah; no, sah! neber no mo', cause dat's whar

got dat nose you see." How did it happen, uncle? Tell us; perhaps we can fix you up."
"See dat bend er runnin' out past de old Tift bridge ober dar? Well, er roun' dat bend dares a fine bream metropolitan police.

Is his novel position, that he is above the law, sound from any point of law or oder day, when I seed er big one slittin' by a log dat's dere. Ise fished dat spot by de hour and dat brim he done come an' look at de bait, an' den swim 'way I tried eberything to ketch him, but The club was again called to order the person claiming the exemption, about 2 o'clock, and the hearing of reports resumed, most of which were made in an interesting manner, each of republican government, or such a dat log. Purty soon I see er bee hum-

> fer him. "Dat settled it; I knowed what ter under the common law or by statute, ketch 'im wid. I just kotch er bee an' including the constitution. The comput de hook in tween de wings where ketch 'im wid. I just kotch er bee an it wouldn' hurt him. Den I fished. Yah, yah!—he! he! Dat brim he made one leap an' he had de bee; but de fight was awful. He done paid no tention ter me, an' him an' de bee wu: herited from the sovereigns of England and it seems that our Governor rests fight! I got him on de bank at last, an' dars whar my trouble cum in.
> "I opened his mouf ter get de hook arrested than the "king (sovereign) of out, when out flew dat bee, us' he wuz England," or words to that effect, formad. Yes, sah, he just been er waiten fer me, I know, an' he landed plump on my nose. You see de zult. But' dat only part ob it. De brim he swelled up the lame way. He wur one pound when I fust kotch him, but when he wuz done swellin' he was too heavy

-It is said that corn this year in Oklahoma will be so plentiful that it probaby will not bring more than eight cents a bushel. Aside from a few districts where the crop was injured by hail an unprecedented average yield is reported, and it is thought that there will be a surplus of almost half a million bushels in the territory to ship.

-Col. J. M. Wilson, commissioner of public buildings at Washington, states that 1,244,227 persons have ascended the Washington monument since 1888 LAURENS, - SOUTH CAROLINA without a accident.

the Governor." Thus it will be seen THE SOUTH'S GAIN IN WEALTH Remarkable Percentage of Gain Per Capita in the Last Decade.

New York Sun.

Not only is the aggregate wealth of the Southern and many of the West-ern States increasing by larger per-centages than the per centage of increase of the Eastern States, but the per capita wealth of the South and West is doing likewise. The South lost enormously in both aggregate and per capita wealth by the war and by the abolition of slave property, though, of course, this was in part only an ap-parent loss, since the freeman was as valuable to the community as the bondman. Thus it came about that the census of 1870 showed a great loss in aggregate and per capita wealth throughout the South. The panic in he decade 1870-80 made the showing by the census of 1880 still worse, but the South made remarkable in the decade 1830-1890. The increase of population throughout the South in that decade was large, but the increase in aggregate wealth was still larger, so that the per capita increase was remarkably large in proportion to the showing of the census of 1870.

Meanwhile the great and wealthy

States of the East, though they have gained enormously in wealth, increased also very rapidly in population, so that their percentage of gain per capita was often less than that in poorer and less populous States of the South. Massachusetts, which has for some decades led the Union in per capita wealth, gained only about 81 per cent. during the last decade, while Missis-sippi gained over 32 per cent., Louisiana nearly 23 per cent.; Georgia, 321 per cent.; Tennessee more than 45 per cent, and Fiorida over 104 per cent Even North Carolina gained nearly 161 per cent. in per capita wealth and South Carolina nearly 32 per cent. 32 per cent. New York, meanwhile, gained less

than 12 per cent. in per capita wealth; New Hampshire less than 18 per cent. Pennsylvania less than 29 per cent, and Island less than I per cent., while New Jersey showed an actual per capita loss of nearly one-half of 1 per cent. The only Southern State to show a loss of per capita wealth was Maryland, which by the way stands four-teenth in that regard, being one place

ahead of Pennsylvania.

Parts of the middle West increased little in per capita wealth. Iowa, example, gained only 104 per cent, but this was more than the gain of Massachusetts. Ohio gained a small fraction over 1 per cent., and Illinois lost nearly 40 per cent., so that her per capita wealth was less than in 1860. sin, Michigan and Missouri showed substantial gains, as did Arkansas, Ken

tucky and Tennessee. Rapidly as population grew in the far West it seldom outstripped the increase of weath so far as to reduce the per capita wealth of any State. Washington gained nearly 110 per cent. in per capita wealth. Colorado gained 401 per cent., Oregon 76 per cent., California 35 per cent. and Utah over 190 per S) rapid was Wvoming's gain in population that her per capita wealth creased about 21 per cent., though her aggregate wealth vastly increased ----

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT .-- A ministerial looking man was having his say on the street corner to a group of eager listeners, and he was making an argument in support of the gold standard. "We must wait for free coinage of gold and silver until we can have an international agreement," he said. Then the fat man asked permission to offer a few questions.

understand you are a member of mous proportions, almost shutting out the church?" he inquired, "a preacher of the Gospel, am I right?" "Yes, sir; you are right; I am a preacher of the Gospel and I did come out on the Lord's side at the age of 16 vears. Well, what then?'

"You thought you did right in so coming out, didn't you, and do you yet think so?" persisted the fat man.
"Why, certainly; what are you driving at " repl. I the ministerial looking gold man with asperity.

"Oh, nothing, except I wonder why you did not put off this thing of coming out on the Lord's side till by international agreement all the heathen in the world would do the same thing? The crowd laughed and the gold bug

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—. Please be prepared to meet it promptly and do not ask for farther time." But this is not the kind of politics that will win in the present contest. A special dispatch Washington Post says: "Th has turned at least 100 McKinley lowers into ardent Bryan men. Republican leaders in this county conteepublican leaders in this county con-cede that they cannot hope to do any-thing for McKinley, as public senti-ment is aroused and men of all parties declare openly that they will now vote for free silver, and not be driven or in-fluenced by the money power of the country. -The approaching solar eclipse will

begin near Shetland Islands, off the coast of Scotland. Thence its track curves upward across the north f Norway, through Lapland, bisceting the southermost island of the Nova Zembla group, then crosses Siberia to the Gulf of Tartary, and South to the Island of Yezo, Japan. On the Island of Yezo the eclipse will begin at 3.05 on August 9, and will last 2 minutes 40 seconds. It is proposed to establish a large equatorial mount, which will have twenty-five instruments pointed at the sun, and which will be utomatically by electricity. struments will take between 300 negatives of the corona. Many American, French, and English scien ists are now in Japan preparing to observe the eclipse.

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